

Minutes

CITT External Affairs Committee

6/3/2003

9:00 AM

150 W. Flagler Street #2800

Miami, FL 33130

Meeting called by:

Hon. Luis Morse at 9:20 a.m.

Agenda:

Presentation – Virginia Diaz

Legislature

Public Involvement

Public Affairs

Action Items

Adjournment

Attendees:

Mike Abrams

Marc Buoniconti

John Cosgrove

Clarence Days

Bob Cuevas

Patty David

Nestor Toledo

Virginia Diaz

John Prats

Patrice Rosemond

Scott Brand

Russ Marchner

Alina Philipp

PowerPoint Presentation
Legislature

Virginia Diaz

Virginia Diaz, Special Projects Director, introduced her staff John Prats and Patrice Rosemond. Ms. Diaz gave an overview of OPTM role in the legislative process used to acquire funding for transportation. She discussed both Federal and State funding and the various steps necessary to receive FTA approval. Some eligible projects for the New Starts Fund include Rapid Rail, Light Rail and People Movers ect. TEA Starts funds are now being referred as SAFE- TEA (Transportation Equity Authority) See attachment for more details.

Public Involvement

Virginia Diaz

Ms. Diaz emphasized the need for legislation and lobbying. She pointed out that the citizen's of Miami-Dade County voted in favor for the halfpenny sales tax in order to enhance and improve the needs for public transportation.

While public support definitely exists, not enough political support is present in Washington. Ms. Diaz encouraged the members to lend their knowledge and influence in the State and Federal legislature for future PTP project. See attachment for more details.

Public Affairs

Ms. Diaz discussed the importance of public perception. She added that projects such as, eliminating the income criteria for the Golden Pass for the elderly, increasing bus and rail service, and free ridership for the people mover have all been immediate results on the half penny sales tax spending. However, long-term PTP projects must be marketed to educate the public about the improvements that will take 10 or 15 years to materialize. Continued public support can only be maintained by promoting PTP projects are being developed. See attachment.

Action Items

Marc Buoniconti raised concerns regarding the Interlocal Agreement and the action by the Board of County Commissioners raises questions as to what degree of authority CITT board has. Furthermore, Mr. Clarence Days stressed his concerns about the role of the CITT and its power within the political system. Russ Marchner stated that the Interlocal Agreement was developed by the County Attorneys' Office.

Conclusions: Mr. Buoniconti requested a presentation on the creation of the Interlocal Agreement and an explanation for the exclusion of the Attachment A by the county attorneys.

Action items: Nestor Toledo said a presentation would be arranged for the next CITT Board meeting June 23, 2003.

Person responsible:
Patty David

Deadline:

Action Item		
Discussion: Hon. Luis Morse requested a chart be formulated of the various committees and departments responsibilities with transportation in order for the members to have a better understanding of the process concerning transportation issues that would concern the CITT.		
Conclusions: Mr. Toledo acknowledged Mr. Morse's request.		
Action items: Mr. Toledo will have staff prepare a chart for	Person responsible: Patty David	Deadline: Next mtg.
CITT by the next External Affairs Meeting.		
Adjournment		
Time:	11:05am	